

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
375 Jackson Street, Suite 600
St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

*Helping People
Help the Land*

Phone: (651) 602-7900
Fax: (651) 602-7914

Transmitted by email

May 4, 2006

MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 260-6-22

SUBJECT: INF – ***POULTRY AND DAIRY YOUR WAY*** BOOKS

Purpose. To announce the availability of the above books for NRCS reference

Expiration date: September 30, 2006

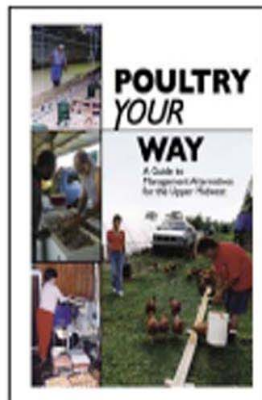
The attached brochure announces the availability of Poultry Your Way and Dairy Your Way books. Each book features stories about real dairy or poultry producers in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan who are successfully using the various management systems the books describe. Interested offices may obtain a free copy of either book as stated.

/s/

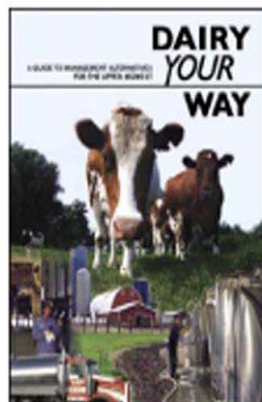
WILLIAM HUNT
State Conservationist

Attachment

DIST: AO



Poultry your Way provides an overview of poultry production systems for meat and eggs, starting with breed selection, marketing, and processing alternatives. It also describes the many management alternatives available to today's poultry producers including: industrial, traditional and semi-confinement, day-range pasture, pasture using "daily move" pens, and organic. This book is meant for farmers who are interested in contract production as well as those who want to be independent producers.



Dairy your Way describes the variety of management alternatives available to today's dairy producers, including tie stall setups, free stall barns and transitional housing options. The book also discusses confinement, grazing and organic management systems as well as custom heifer-raising and value-added production. There is also a chapter dedicated to milking center design and retrofitting options. For farmers at the beginning or end of their careers, one chapter is devoted to entry and exit strategies.

Each book features stories about real dairy or poultry producers in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan who are successfully using the various management systems the books describe.

Project partners: Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA), Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota (SFA), Center for Integrated Agriculture Systems, and Michigan Agricultural Stewardship Association. Partial funding was provided by the USDA North Central Region SARE Program.

For a **free copy** of either book, call MISA at (800) 909-6472 or MDA at (651) 201-6012, or read online at www.misa.umn.edu.

